



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notification of Evaluation:
Fiscal Year 2020 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Compliance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014
Project No. OA&E-FY20-0033

FROM: Rudolph M. Brevard, Director *Vincent Campbell for*
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TO: Donna Vizian, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
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The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to begin fieldwork on our evaluation of the EPA's compliance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014. This evaluation is statutorily required and is included in our *Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Plan*.

The OIG's objective is to conduct an independent evaluation of the EPA's compliance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2020 Inspector General FISMA Reporting Metrics. The OIG also plans to evaluate elements of the EPA's information security program to determine whether the Agency is able to obtain and generate relevant and quality information to make risk-based decisions to secure the Agency's network during the COVID-19 pandemic. The OIG plans to conduct work at EPA headquarters and regional EPA offices as needed. The evaluation will be conducted using *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, issued by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. The anticipated benefit of this evaluation is to contribute to the Agency's theme of "Embracing EPA as a High-Performing Organization."

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objective. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any of your questions about the evaluation process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the evaluation. Throughout the evaluation, we will provide updates on a regular basis.

We respectfully note that the OIG is authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, to have timely access to personnel and all materials necessary to complete its objectives. We will request that you resolve the situation if an Agency employee or contractor refuses to provide requested materials to the OIG or otherwise fails to cooperate with the OIG. We may report unresolved access matters to the administrator and include the incident in the *Semiannual Report to Congress*.

I will supervise this evaluation, and the project manager will be Jeremy Sigel. Any information related to the project should be addressed to me at (202) 566-0893 or brevard.rudy@epa.gov, or Jeremy Sigel at (202) 566-0852 or sigel.jeremy@epa.gov.

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